

**METHOD FOR DISPLAYING SWITCH PORT INFORMATION IN A NETWORK  
TOPOLOGY DISPLAY**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Systems and methods for displaying network node ports and related

5 information in a network topology display. The user is able to clearly view ports of a connection device in the network and to view additional port information, such as the port type and the port number, for connected and unconnected ports of a network connection device. In addition, the user is able to toggle between a "show ports" mode and a "hide ports" mode for each connection device to view detailed information about the connection  
10 device ports or to hide the information in order to simplify the display.

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